



The Howe Varsity Athletic Club is sponsoring a donkey basketball game Tuesday, Dec. 12. Players include members of the Varsity Athletic Club, Howe teachers, and eight donkeys. (Photo courtesy of the Buckeye Donkey Ball Company.)

Donkeys to give players sore seats, give students night of entertainment

By Jeff Oberlies

The Howe Varsity Athletic Club is sponsoring a donkey basketball game Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m..

Donkey basketball is played with four donkeys and four riders on each team. The game will feature a band of rough and ready riders known as the Varsity Athletic Club, and a select group of equestrians known as the Howe faculty.

One of the donkey teams is comprised of Beatle Bomb, Super Stupid, Elvis, and Rigor Mortis. The other team

is formed by Thunder Ball, Snuffy, Kilroy, and Honey Pot, the "world's buckinest donkey."

Many fans believe it is the donkeys who are the pride of the court and the stars of the show. The talented and sports-minded animals are from the Buckeye Donkey Ball Company of Columbus, Ohio, and all know their way around the court. Rules are necessary for all sports but since donkeys can not read and the players will be too excited to remember them, the following is for the benefit of the fans.

- Players lead their own donkey onto the court and line up under the opposition's basket.

- Players must stay dismounted until they and the donkey's are introduced and the referee blows the whistle

and throws out the ball to start the game. Players may then ride or lead their donkey to the ball.

- When passing the ball between the players, one or the other must be mounted.

- Players must be mounted to shoot, steal the ball, or block passes and shots.

- Ball cannot be held more than fifteen seconds.

- There are no fouls, out-of-bounds, or time-outs except for emergencies.

- Unless a sanitation crew is prearranged, each player is responsible for his own donkey. A broom and shovel will be handy at all times.

Tickets to this spectacular event are on sale now for \$1.50, and can be bought from any Varsity Athletic Club member. Tickets will cost \$2 at the door.

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Briefs

Candy-grams . . . The Student Council will be selling candy-grams Dec. 11-16. The candy-grams, which cost 10¢, consist of a candy cane and a message.

The grams will be delivered at school Dec. 21-22. Order blanks are available from any Student Council officer.

Musical . . . Tom Lewis, Music Department chairman, announced Nov. 29 that the annual Howe musical will be "Carousel". The show will be presented by the choir in March.

Invitation . . . The Howe Band has been invited to perform at the Hall of Fame Basketball Classic at Market Square Arena, Dec. 16.

Ski Club . . . The Ski Club is planning a weekend of skiing Dec. 27-29 at Canonsburg resort in Grand Rapids, Mich. This will be one of the monthly ski trips the club plans to sponsor throughout the skiing season. The trip is open to all Howe students and faculty.

Madrigals make more merry music

"This program helps spread the Christmas spirit to people who invite us to come sing," said Robert Bramblett, music director.

The program that Bramblett is referring to is the traditional Howe Madrigal Feasts. Presented from Nov. 25 thru Dec. 17 at various city churches, the Madrigal Feasts are an annual event that Howe's Madrigal-Ensemble group works hard

to prepare for, according to Bramblett.

A Madrigal Feast is a Christmas celebration involving music, dancing, eating and all around "exciting and fun entertainment," as one of the guests at the first feast put it.

The action is centered around the newly appointed Earl of Kent, played by senior Jim Davis, his Lord of Misure (Minstrel) senior Steve Spickelmire, and his bumb-

ing Jester, senior Dave Welch. Senior Jill Denham portrays the Earl's wife, Ellian.

The Earl's singing "dinner guests" are seniors Lance Allison, Rhonda Hooks, Julie O'Haver, Mark Holm, Jean Hilton, Lora Walters, Dean Hvidston, Betty Hempfling, Camilla Rich, Doug Hvidston, Kim Frech, Ann Hudson, and juniors John Herrell, Gary McPherson, Bill Leamon, and Karin Hilton.

These "guests" provide vocal entertainment before, during, and after the eating of whatever type of meal the host church decides to serve.

Also performing are some young dancers from Career Center teacher Sally Ake's dance school.

Musicians include seniors Tim Bratton, piano, George

Bell, string bass, Sherri Buchanan, cello, Betty Hempfling, violin, Mark Holm, oboe, Kim Frech, flute, and freshman Lynette Enz, violin, and Gisele Megnin, violin.

Pages Leslie Cox and Laura Reed, both juniors, and heralds Mark Stewart, sophomore, Dan and Don Sutter, seniors, and Jim Dawson, freshman, add to the traditional setting.

All performers wear Medieval costumes. "I expect this year to be one of the best and most colorful because of the abundance of good costumes," said Bramblett.

"I have a good feeling about what this feast is all about. It is full of the real Christmas spirit," he concluded.

Council toasts season with holiday activities

By Susan Hildebrand

'Tis the season to be merry and once again the Student Council is planning activities to toast the holiday season.

One holiday activity is a gathering party at the Marion County Home for the Aged. The Council is also considering a fellowship get-together for Howe students.

According to Tim McPherson, president, another Christmas activity planned is a Christmas Can Dance. Admission will be one can food item. Dance proceeds will be donated to a local charity. The dance is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 21 at 2:15 p.m.

Student Council has accomplished its preliminary

goals for the year, but as Christmas approaches, the members feel it is time to reach the students. McPherson said, "I feel that it is time for a growth in spirit . . . character . . . for the students here. Too long we gone on with unsolved problems, and empty solutions. Perhaps these Christmas holidays will take the razor-keen edge away from the students, to be replaced with a respect and care for each other. I know this is the way I feel about the people at Howe."

McPherson emphasized the Student Council's motto "We Care, High High School," as something for the students to think over during the Christmas season.



Junior Leslie Cox and the Santa Claus at Washington Square discuss her desire for a Honda Civic. Remember, there are only 16 more shopping days till Christmas. (Photo by Jay Tobias)

Determination to perform creates success

Throughout six weeks of school, one class has been striving to obtain one perfect product, the senior play. The play was excellent and proved seniors have a talent that needs to be nurtured, togetherness.

At one point, those involved with the play were so discouraged by seniors not rehearsing, poor publicity, and of talk the play was a total flop, that a meeting was held to decide whether or not to cancel the play. With one week to go, tickets sold, time spent, and sets made, cast members and senior class officers decided to go on with show.

The play was a great success and Tower would like to say "applause, applause" to those who had the stamina, the courage, and the respect for the senior class and school to keep going.

Remember this example of togetherness the next time an activity planned and worked on by a small group looks like it's going to be the biggest mess in the school. Calmness and organization will get the job done.

Many groups have been discouraged by the student body's response. However, do not give up. Strive for the best and it will turn out better than anticipated.

Tower commends the cast members, senior class officers, Harriet Baker, John Minatel and the student body.

It was a fantastic play and hopefully the class of '80 will be able to say the same. Congratulations seniors on a job well done!



Counselors' priorities is student's grievance

Dear Editor:

I always thought that the main function of the teachers and the counselors was to help students learn and attain their goals.

Apparently, I was wrong because it seems to me as though the administration spends all its money, time, and energy trying to punish about 10 percent of the students who cut and cause trouble, mean-while, leaving the other 90 percent out in the cold. You know what happens when you go to the counselor to ask for information about college? He never gets around to it because he's too busy, but he's never to busy to write a pink slip if you cut.

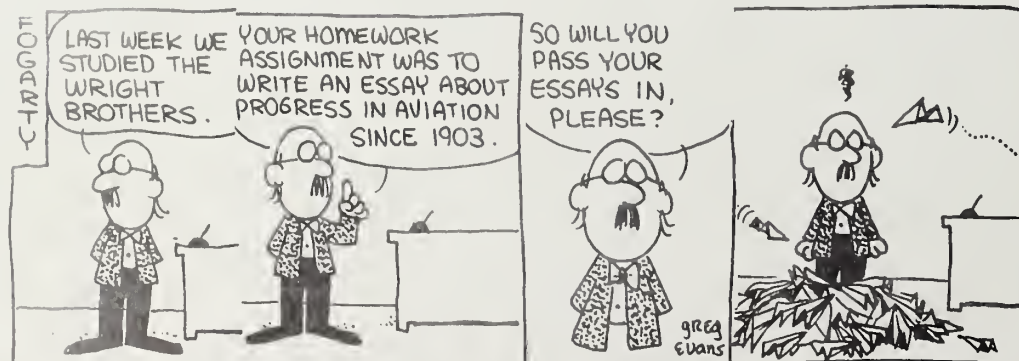
Shouldn't the students who want an education get

some or are we just destined to learn what happens if we cause trouble? Shouldn't the administration devote its time to the 90 percent who want help? Shouldn't the money used to fence us in be used for library materials, campus cleanup, or some worthy cause?

I used to be part of the 90 percent, but I got so discouraged and frustrated that I decided to join the 10 percent to get some attention.

If the administration isn't careful, the whole school will become delinquents to get attention. Shouldn't the kids who want to learn come first? I used to think so, but after attending Howe for three years, I guess I was wrong.

Janice Munchel



Detention center 'cuts down' on cuts

Once again the staff of Howe High School is trying to cut down on cutting by students. Their latest program is the detention center. This plan requires "cutters" to spend 40 minutes after school. The system also will make it harder for friends of "cutters" to "pull" cut reports.

This is how the system works. If a teacher discovers that a student has cut, a 40 minute detention is assigned to be served after school. The teacher then sends a cut slip to the detention center

supervisor. The student has three days to serve it. If the slip is not sent back to the teacher, he turns a cut report into the dean, who will take further action.

The last attempt to discourage students from being late, tardy court, was unsuccessful and was discontinued. Students, instead of going to tardy court because they were late to class, would wait in line to get into tardy court. This was an easy way of getting out of class without risking placement in GLC.

Thus, teachers have gone back to the old system of assigning a tardy conference. The length of the conference is determined by the teacher. Usually, they are 15 to 40 minutes, depending on the number of times a student is late.

Even though tardy court is dead, the administration has kept GLC alive. At present, there are no plans to close it.

Tower is interested in student opinion. We would like to know the student body's feelings on cutting and actions taken against it. Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it to Rm. 240.

Circle your answers

- Did you think tardy court was a good idea?
a. yes b. no
- Do you like the idea of a detention center?
a. yes b. no
- How long do you think it will last?
a. week
b. till Christmas
c. 3 months
d. the rest of the year
- Would you serve a detention if assigned one?
a. yes b. no
if no, why not?
a. I don't care
b. it's not worth the time
c. nothing will happen if I don't
- What do you think the administration should do about tardy and cutting problems?
a. keep on thinking up ideas
b. assign detentions
c. suspend the students
d. other _____
- Do you think there should be a student-faculty council to deal with the above problems?
a. yes b. no
if yes, do you feel the students and faculty on the council should have equal votes?
a. yes b. no
c. there shouldn't be a vote

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Howe wins opening game, loses second

By Ken Kirkman

After winning their opening game against the Warren Central Warriors, the Howe varsity basketball team was upset by the Arlington Knights in their second game.

The first game against Warren was a tremendous victory, 63-53 for the Hornets on Thanksgiving Eve. According to Coach Jim Stutz, "I think we won with our defense and rebounding. It was our first game and I don't think we played as well as expected."

The Hornet ball bouncers were two points behind at the half, but went ahead in the third quarter. Stutz said the Warriors play control ball, holding the score down. Howe was led by 6'-6"

Brian Edwards with 18 points and 6 rebounds. Virgil Gavin followed with 16, Rick McKinstry, 13, and Charlie Coleman, with 5. Both McKinstry and Coleman pulled down 5 rebounds.

In the second game against Arlington, Howe came away with the first loss of the season, 83-75.

The Golden Knights are coached by "first year" Ed Ward. Chuck Barnett topped the Arlington scorers with 30 points.

McKinstry led the Hornets and tied Barnett for the game-high honors with 30 points. Edwards scored 22.

According to Stutz, "Our weak spots in the game were the fact that we are not working long enough for good

shots, and there were too many turn overs."

In a memo from Stutz to the varsity, he detailed what improvements are necessary for a winning season. Stutz wrote, "Varsity Team: If you want to win, 1) Get better shots, set offense. Be more patient, make more than one pass. Run the offense. 2) Do not turn the ball over. We can absorb basketball errors but not mental errors. 3) Don't screw up fast break opportunity. We should convert 80 percent or 90 percent."

"We pretty much dropped out of the important ratings due to our Arlington loss," said Stutz. The Hornets were rated 13 in the state according to Associated Press.



Senior Rick McKinstry cuts for the basket in the season opener against Warren Central. (Photo by Dave Welch)

Wrestlers profit from experience

By Mindy Bemis

"This should be the best team we've ever had," said wrestling Coach Jim Arvin.

Coach Arvin feels the team has several strong points. "We have 11 seniors, experience, good leadership by the captains, and a very positive attitude," he said. He also stated they do not think

negatively, therefore he would not discuss team weak points.

Arvin feels that while the team might not be as strong individually as in the past, they will do well as a team. They proved that with a decisive win over Cathedral Tuesday night, 52-12.

Returning lettermen are

seniors Capt. Tony Hinkle, Capt. Tim Hill, Capt. Jon McGinley, Capt. Mike Sisk, Steve Day, and Jesse Finch.

Other members of the varsity are seniors Tim Baughman, Rick Hicks, Mark Fagan, Tim Dotson, Ja Bez Gunn, juniors Jeff Sheets and Darin Ettner.

Junior varsity members are juniors Ken Jacob, Jim Ping, sophomores Rick Cooley, Robbie Jacob, Rick Weaver, Bill Alexander, Dave Staley, Terry Slider, freshmen Scott Sherriel, and Bob Boekankamp.

Simmons' injury ends season

By Nancy Janes

Yani Simmons, undefeated diver of the women swim team this season, was injured in gymnastics practice one week before swimming sectionals.

After doing a round-off, back-handspring, back-flip, she landed on her knee causing a painful injury.

Yani, who dives year-round, may not be able to dive until next summer. Doctors feel, due to her injury, she might require surgery.

Although she did not get to continue diving competition, she says she is "really looking forward to next season."

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Safe Driving-Save Lives

Winter roads merit caution

By Nancy Janes

Winter driving time is approaching. Driving on icy or snow-covered roads can be very dangerous, but there are some things drivers can do to reduce some of the hazards of winter driving.

Chains or snow tires will help; however, one must drive at a considerably lower speed than under normal conditions.

It is important to note that it takes 3 to 12 times longer to stop on snow-covered or icy roads as it does on dry ones. Also, be cautious of bridges and overpasses, since they generally become icy before other types of pavement.

Defrosters should be in good condition and windshield wipers operating properly. It is illegal to drive without a clear field of vision out of the windows.

When stopping or slowing on packed snow or ice, pump

the brakes gently. On very slippery surfaces pump them quickly, applying and releasing them several times until the car is under control. Don't force the brake pedal down or lock the brakes, or the car will spin uncontrollably.

When starting the car on snow or ice, accelerate slowly and lower the engine speed to its minimum. Test the brakes while driving to determine just how slippery the road is, and then adjust speed according to the conditions.

The three big errors of most drivers in snow and ice are overpowering and spinning wheels, overbraking and sliding the wheels, and oversteering and skidding the front wheels.

Take into consideration the over-all condition of your car before taking any long winter trips.

Check to see if there is an-



tifreeze in the car. If not, put some in, or you may wake up one morning with frozen radiator hoses. There goes your ride to school.

Many cars run roughly in the winter time, so it is important that you keep your

car in top condition as the cold sets in. Tune-ups or some carburetor adjustment will usually cure a rough engine.

Remember, in conditions such as last year's blizzard, avoid driving unless it is an

extreme emergency. It does no one any good if there's another person stuck in the snow.

Drive defensively and make your winter driving a safe and pleasant experience.

'Poets' take advantage of 'papered walls'

By Karen "Z" Stewart

"The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls." This line, sung by Paul Simon and Art Garfunkle started the graffiti rage in the late 1960's. They did not know what they were starting.

This is not to say there was not graffiti before the 60's. It is just that now it has been developed into a fine art. The Tower is looking for some prophets of its own.

Paper was put up on the restroom walls for anyone

who felt the need to express himself. By the time they were removed, a lot of thoughts were expressed.

Most of the graffiti fell into one of three categories, unprintable, comments on the school and/or its policies, and general squirreliness.

The second category included comments such as "Get a damn mirror!" (In a restroom without one, of course), and "What happened to the juke box in lunch hall?"

Others wrote on more serious subjects. "We should be able to smoke out on the

patio. They're our lungs! Another wrote, "This school is O.K. What you get out of it is what you put into it."

In general squirreliness category, it is obvious that at least some of the teachers are teaching some of the students something. "Spears Theory #8: 'Whose gonna win the game tonight... Hornets! Hornets!... Rah..."

Rah... Rah! borrowed from Roosevelt College."

There may even be amateur poets roaming the restrooms. "Usual Hall Commotion: Remember A, Remember B, Remember the day we both got D's." It may not be a masterpiece, but what can you expect of the restroom walls

Of course, there were a few of the usual things written like "Joey plus Kim", but the most popular comment was written very small in the

corner. It read, "Lord, please make this restroom smell better."

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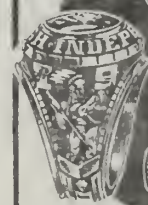
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